

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF SEARCH  
ENGINE INDICES**

5 A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for  
pruning search engine indices. A notification is  
received from a client browser that a Web page retrieval  
error occurred for a Web page or that the Web page no  
longer contains selected keywords. In response to  
receiving the notification, the Web page is automatically  
10 deleted from the search engine indices. This automatic  
deletion may occur upon receiving the notice from the  
browser or after receiving some threshold number of  
notifications from browsers.

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